

To All,

Below are some reported incidents that may look insignificant at first, but could have major consequences if overlooked. Now let's plug those incidents into our USDA threat matrix.

a. It is very important to properly dispose of USDA excess property when it is no longer needed. A lot of times this excess property is stored in a back lot awaiting disposition and away from most security countermeasures (out of sight, out of mind). An example would be a vehicle that is waiting to be turned in and doesn't have the government plates taken off. This vehicle is really useless to the site, but may have some value to someone that could exploit its capabilities. Have your sites relook their excess property inventories and ensure they are properly safeguarded and processed in a timely manner.

b. If you have contractors working at your sites, ensure there is a clause in the contract that addresses United States residency requirements for their employees and any subcontractors. Also, if you have students working in your sensitive areas, it is important to ensure their trustworthiness as best as possible.

c. Stolen/Lost Government ID Cards is a regularly report incident in the reports I read. Especially now with the new Smart Card Initiative, where the Government ID Cards will eventually have a national format. I think it would be advisable once in a while to put out to your sites information on how to proper safeguard their ID cards. Examples of information to disseminate: 1) Don't loan your card to others; 2) When not using the card keep it with other valuables; 3) Don't wear the card outside required areas; 4) If lost or stolen, immediately report the missing card; 5) Treat your ID card like a Credit Card; etc.

d. Reporting suspicious behavior is also a major theme in the reports I read. People are starting to be more conscience of their surroundings and therefore notice small things that may be unusual. I would not suggest everyone be immediately paranoid of their surroundings, but would suggest that if an unusual incident occurs, that incident should be properly reported. As you can see from paragraph 4 below, there is some interest by someone in USPS vehicles. The two reports are on different days at different locations, but when put together a possible pattern emerges. These patterns would not be recognized if the incidents were not reported. Vigilance is the key word here.

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1. MICHIGAN: ICE Agents Intercept a Load of Die Cast Machinery Bound for Iran. According to ICE reporting, on 6 April, in Bridgeman, ICE agents seized five truck loads of die cast machinery that were bound for Iran; the total value of the shipment was \$51,000. This investigation began with the targeting of XXXXXX XXXXXX-XXXX, a dual citizen of both Canada and Iran, who had purchased die casting machinery and other assorted tools and equipment from an auction with the intent to ship the equipment to Iran. HSOC Comment: Die casting is a process for producing complex-shaped engineering metal parts with a degree of accuracy that is ideal for mass production. Die castings are used in numerous applications and ICE authorities are working to

determine the potential use of the seized machinery. (ICE Daily Summary, 7 Apr 04)

2. FLORIDA: ICE Agents Arrest 13 Individuals for Using Fraudulent Social Security Cards to Work in Restricted Areas. According to ICE reporting, on 6 April, in Port Canaveral, ICE agents arrested 13 Mexican nationals for federal misuse of social security numbers. The investigation revealed that the 13 individuals, who were in the U.S. illegally, were using fraudulent social security numbers to acquire area access badges in order to work in restricted areas at Port Canaveral. The individuals were employed by a local cement company responsible for constructing silos on a site where cargo and cruise ships dock. Because the Port Authority conducts background checks based upon Social Security numbers, the fraudulent cards permitted the 13 individuals to hide any previous derogatory information?including their illegal immigration status. (ICE Daily Summary, 7 Apr 04)

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B.O.L.O.- Stolen MSP I.D. and State Transportation Card  
On 4/2/04, Ms. Germaine Lanaux, Office Secretary III, of the MSP Forensic Sciences Division, lost her MSP identification card and State Transportation card. Her purse was stolen from the Slade Sandwich Shop in the Pikesville Plaza Building and these two items, along with other personal items, were located in the purse.

4. Subject: Suspicious Activity: Vehicle Security

a. FLINT, MI

On March 16, 2004 Letter XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXX reported at about noon that he had been followed by a light blue Ford Taurus. The vehicle would park some distance away and observe him when he stopped. He initially thought it might be inspectors. Later that morning, he took a break and reclined the seat in his USPS minivan and the car pulled up along side his door and stopped. He sat up and rolled down the window at which time the suspects (2 observed occupants; passenger side occupant appeared Arab looking) accelerated quickly, running a stop sign and a red light leaving the area. He did not observe them again, but he did record their vehicle plate number. The carrier notified Flint PD, his supervisor and the Inspection Service.

b. ROMULUS, MI

On March 25, 2004, Owner XXXXXXXX XXXXXX for Tip Top Collision, located on Van Born Rd. (Between Middlebelt and Inkster), Romulus, MI contacted the Inspection Service and notified me that he does some body work for the USPS and he had 2 Arab looking individuals come into his shop and attempt to "buy" one of any of the LLV's he had parked for repair. He recalled that these same individuals came into his shop about three months ago and tries the same thing. He described the "Arabs" as clean shaven and in their 30's. As they were leaving he also observed and recorded the vehicle plate number of the car they were driving.

5. Update: Virtual Roll Call R6 04-01-2004 RE: Stolen GOV, 1999 Plym Breeze from VA Office in Kansas City, Missouri Vehicle Recovered at 2:05 a.m. this morning by KCMO Police. 3 suspects in custody. GOV

plates not recovered at this time. Investigation continuing...Commander  
Bobby Deitch